III.—Comparison of Indo-Chinese Languages, by the Rev. N. Brown, American Missionary stationed at Sadiyá at the north-eastern extremity of Assám.

Considerable time has elapsed since a proposal was made through the Christian Observer for collecting short vocabularies of all the languages between India and China. In pursuance of the plan then proposed, have been received, through the kindness of several literary gentlemen, vocabularies of twenty-seven languages, specimens of which are prepared for insertion in the periodical above named; but as the subject is equally interesting to the general student and philologist as to the missionary, I have thought a copy of the paper would not prove unacceptable to your pages*. For twelve of these vocabularies, viz. the Manipuri, Songpu, Kapwi, Koreng, Maróm, Champhung, Luhuppa, Northern, Central and Southern Tángkhul, Khoibú. and Maring, I am indebted to the indefatigable exertions of Capt. Gor-DON, Political Agent at Manipur, author of the Manipuri Dictionary; to the Rev. C. Gutzlaff for vocabularies of the Anamese, Japanese and Corean; to the Rev. J. I. Jones, Bankok, for that of the Siamese; for the Gáro, to Mr. J. STRONG, Sub-Assistant to the Governor General's Agent for A'sam, and to Rev. J. RAE, of Gowahati, for the A'ka. Most of the remaining languages given in the table have been written down from the pronunciation of natives residing in the neighbourhood of Sadiyá.

Although I have as yet received vocabularies of but a small portion of the languages originally contemplated, I have thought it advisable to give specimens of such as have been obtained, hoping that others may be induced to extend the comparison by publishing specimens of other languagest. The names selected are those of the most common objects, and may therefore be regarded as the earliest terms in every language, and such as were least liable to be supplanted by foreign words.

The words given in the table are written according to the Romanizing system; and although there may be some slight variations in the sounds of particular letters, in consequence of the vocabularies having been made out by different persons, yet it is believed they will be found sufficiently uniform for all the purposes of general comparison.

I now proceed to give such remarks upon the several languages contained in the table, as have been furnished by the individuals engaged in compiling the vocabularies.

- * We need not assure the author, to whose studies we have already been more than once indebted, how acceptable the comparison he has undertaken is to our own pages; but it may encourage his inquiries and stimulate his zeal to hear that every letter from Paris, where philology seems to have now the most successful cultivation, presses this very object upon our notice.—Ed.
- † Mr. TREVELYAN has kindly favoured us with copies of the printed vocabulary, which we shall lose no time in forwarding to those interested in this train of research, especially to obtain lists of the hill dialects of all parts of India.—Ed.

I.—Bangúli and A'sámese. These languages being derived from the Sanskrit, possess a close affinity to each other. It appears from the table that above six-tenths of the most common words are identical, except with slight variations of pronunciation. The most important of these are the substitution of s, in A'sámese, for the Sanskrit ch, and a guttural h for the Sanskrit s and sh. The vowels have also undergone considerable variations. The grammatical peculiarities of the two languages are considerably unlike. In the inflection of nouns and verbs, they both bear a strong resemblance to the Latin and Greek languages, with which they have a large number of words in common. The numerals are evidently derived from the same source with the Greek.

The A'sámese possesses six cases of nouns corresponding to those of the Latin, to which may be added a seventh, or Locative case, expressed in English by the prepositions at or in. The terminations of the cases are as follows:

S	'ingular.	Plural.
Nom.		Nom. hont,-bilák, or bur.
Gen.	r.	Gen. hontor,-bilákor, &c.
Dat.	lui.	Dat. hontolui.
Acc.	k.	Acc. hontok.
Voc. as	the Nom.	Voc. as the Nom.
Abl.	re.	Abl. hontore.
Loc.	t.	Loc, hontot.

A peculiar feature of the Asamese is the use of two pronouns for the second person, according as the person addressed is superior or inferior to the speaker. This distinction is also marked by a different termination of the verb, thus:

	Singular.	
First person,	Moi márun,	I strike.
Sec. person,	Toi máro,	Thou strikest.
Do. (honorific,)	Túmi márá,	You strike.
Third person,	Hí máre,	He strikes.
	Plural.	

First person,	A'mi márun,	We strike.
Sec. person,	Tohont máro,	You strike.
Do. (honorific,)	Tumulák márá,	Ye strike.
Third person,	Híhonte, or híbiláke, máre,	They strike.

From this specimen, it may be seen that the verb undergoes no alteration on account of number.

Adjectives, in Asamese, have no declension, nor are they varied to denote the degrees of comparison. These are expressed by means of the suffix kui, than, added to the locative case of nouns; as, iatkui dangor, great [er] than this; ataitkui dangor, great [er] than all, i. e. the greatest. The same particle is also used in changing adjectives to adverbs, like the syllable ly, in English; thus, khor, swift; khorkui, swiftly.

Nouns, in whatever case, almost invariably precede the verbs with which

they are connected. From the variety of cases, it will readily be inferred that the use of prepositions, or particles having the force of prepositions, is seldom required. When such particles are used, they must invariably follow the nouns which they govern. The genitive case always precedes the noun by which it is governed.

II .- Siamese, Khamti, and other branches of the Tai. We have seen that the Bangálí and Asámese, in their grammatical forms, bear a close resemblance to the family of European languages. We come now to a class of monosyllabic languages evidently belonging to the Chinese stock. In these languages the nouns and verbs uniformly consist (except where foreign terms have been introduced), of monosyllabic roots, which undergo no change on account of case, mood or tense. These accidents are expressed by means of particles, generally following, but in some cases preceding, the nouns or verbs which they modify. A striking peculiarity, which, so far as we have had opportunity to examine, extends to all monosyllabic languages, is the variety of intonations, by which sounds organically the same are made to express entirely different meanings. The first division of tones is into the rising and falling, according as the voice slides up or down during the enunciation of a syllable. This variety of tone is employed, in English, mostly for the purposes of emphasis and euphony; but in Tai, Chinese. Barmese, &c. such a variation of tone produces different words. and expresses totally different ideas. Thus in Tai, má signifies a dog. má (the stroke under the m denoting the falling tone) signifies to come. In Barmese, lé is air but lé is a bow; myen is the verb to see, while myen denotes a horse.

Another distinction of tone, which obtains nearly or quite universally, in monosyllabic languages, is the abrupt termination, or a sudden cessation of voice at the end of a syllable. This is denoted by a dot under the final letter. Like the other variations of tone, it entirely changes the meaning of the words to which it is applied. Thus, taking for illustration the syllables above mentioned, má, in Tai, signifies a horse; in Barmese, lé signifies to be acquainted with; myen, high.

These two varieties of intonation are the most extensive and important; but several languages of the Chinese family make still more minute distinctions. The Chinese language itself is said to distinguish eight different tones; the Tai possesses five or six; the Karen an equal number; the Barmese only three, viz. the rising, falling, and abrupt.

The Siamese, Láos, Shyán, Khamtí and Ahom, are all merely dialects of the same original language, which is called Tai; and prevails through a wide tract of country, extending from Siam to the valley of the Brahmaputra. I have inserted in the table specimens of the Khamtí and Siamese, spoken at the two extremities, between which the difference will naturally be greater than between the dialects spoken at any of the intermediate stations. Yet we find that upwards of nine-tenths of the fundamental words in these two dialects are the same, with but slight variations in the pronunciation. These variations are mostly confined to a few letters, viz.

ch, which the northern tribes change to ts; d, for which they use l or n; r, which becomes h; and ua, which they exchange for long δ .

Different systems of writing have been introduced to express the sounds of the Tai; the Khamti and Shyán alphabets are evidently derived from the Barmese; the Láos is nearly related to the Barmese, but more complete and better adapted to the wants of the language than the Shyán; while the Siamese character bears only a remote resemblance to the Barmese.

All the dialects of the Tai have nearly the same grammatical construction. The arrangement of words in sentences is, for the most part, as in English; unlike other eastern laguages, where the words are generally placed in an inverted order. The nominative precedes the verb; the verb usually precedes the objective. Prepositions always precede the nouns which they govern. The possessive case follows the noun by which it is governed, as mü man, the hand [of] him, i. e. his hand. Adjectives follow the nouns which they qualify.

A striking feature in many eastern languages both monosyllabic and polysyllabic, is the use of numeral affixes, or, as they have sometimes been called, generic particles. These particles are affixed to numeral adjectives, and serve to point out the genus to which the preceding substantive belongs. Thus in Tai, the expression for two elephants would be, tsáng song tó, elephants two bodies. When the number is one, the generic particle precedes the numeral, as tsáng tó nüng, one elephant. In Barmese, the generic particles invariably follow the numerals, as lú ta-yauk, man one person; lú nhi-yauk, men two persons, i. e. two men.

III.— $A'k\acute{a}$ and A'bor. These languages have been but partially examined; it is evident, however, from the table, that they are closely allied to each other, nearly half the words being found alike in both. One-fifth of the words agree with the Mishimi; and a considerable number with the Barmese, Singpho and Manipur.

The A'bors occupy the lofty ranges of mountains on each side the river Diháng, or Tsámpú, and are probably very numerous. The Miri is a dialect of this language, which is spoken by the people of the plains; but is said not to be essentially different from the language of the highlands.

IV.—Mishimi. This language is spoken by the inhabitants of the mountainous regions on the river Dibáng, east of the Abor country. Little is known of them. There are three principal tribes, the Mdi Mishimis, the Táron or Digárá Mishimis, and the Maiyí or Meme Mishimis. Their language is substantially the same. It is distinguished by several very peculiar tones, and some of its consonants are extremely difficult of enunciation. In this respect it differs from the Abor, the sounds of which are easy and flowing.

V.—Barmese. This language is originally monosyllabic, although it now contains many polysyllabic words. These are mostly terms belonging to their religion, which have been introduced from the Páli, their sacred language. The Barmese delights in the multiplication of synonymous

words, which follow each other in close succession and serve to render many terms definite which would otherwise be ambiguous. Páli words are generally followed by their synonyms in the vulgar tongue. Thus the usual expression for earth is pathawí myégyí; myegyí (great earth) being the vulgar term, and pathawí the Páli or Sanskrit.

The order of arrangement in Barmese is almost directly the reverse of the English. As an example of this, take the following sentence: He said, I am the voice of one crying, make straight in the wilderness the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. The verse in Barman stands thus: The prophet Esaias said as, The-Lord of the-way the-wilderness in straight make, crying one of the-voice I am, he said.

In Barmese, the affixes to nouns, verbs and numerals, are very abundant, many of them merely euphonic. Great attention has been paid to euphony in the formation and cultivation of this language. This is particularly seen in the change of the hard consonants, k, p, s, t, to the corresponding soft letters, g, b, z, and d. Thus E'ráwati (the river) is invariably pronounced E'ráwadi, though written with a t; Gotama (their deity) is pronounced Godama, &c. All the affixes, whether of verbs, nouns, or numerals, beginning with a sharp consonant, universally exchange it for a soft one, except where the verb or noun itself ends in a sharp consonant, in which case euphony requires that the affix should begin with a sharp, as the enunciation of a flat and sharp together is peculiarly harsh and difficult. We also trace this principle in the Manipuri language, where the verbal affix is ba, unless the verb ends in one of the sharp consonants k, t, or p, when the affix is invariably pa. Capt. GORDON does not inform us whether this principle extends to the other affixes in Manipuri, but, from the similarity of the two languages, it seems not improbable that such may be the case.

VI.—Karen. I have been disappointed in the hope of obtaining a perfect vocabulary of this language. The few words inserted in the table will, however, give some idea of its affinities. It most resembles the Barmese and Manipurean dialects, though it is essentially different from either. Its tones are five; the same in number with those of the Tai. Several of them, however, appear to be different from those of any other tribe. No final consonants are allowed in Karen.

VII.—Singpho and Jih. The Singpho possesses many words in common with the Abor, the Barmese, and the Manipurean dialects. It is the language of extensive tribes, occupying the northern portions of the Barman empire. The intonations are similar to the Barmese, and its grammatical construction is almost precisely the same. It is peculiar for its combinations of consonants, many of which would at first sight appear quite unpronounceable to a European. It doubtless belongs to the monosyllabic stock of languages.

The Jils are a small tribe who formerly occupied the highlands in the northern part of Barmah, but have been driven from their country by the Singphos. The tribe is now nearly extinct. Their language appears to

have been a dialect of the Singpho, seven-tenths of their vocables being found in that language.

VIII.—Gáro. For a vocabulary of the language of this singular people we are indebted to Mr. Strong, of Goalpára, who from frequent intercourse with this tribe, has had opportunity to become well acquainted with their language and customs. In the specimen given in the table, the orthography of a few words has been slightly altered, so as to conform to the Romanizing system. The language appears to have considerable relation to the Singpho and Jilí. It is difficult to decide from the specimens before us, whether it is to be ranked with the monosyllabic or polysyllabic languages. It probably belongs to the latter. The Gáros inhabit an extensive range of hills below Gawaháti, and are in a completely savage state. So meagre is their language, that they have not even a term for horse, nor do they possess any knowledge of such an animal.

IX.—Manipuri and neighbouring dialects. The following very interesting account of the singular variety of languages spoken in the neighbourhood of Manipur, is copied from Capt. Gordon's letter to Mr. Trevelyan.

"I send you specimens of (including the Manipuri) twelve of the numerous languages, or perhaps more properly, as respects many of them, dialects spoken within this territory. On examining Pemberton's map, you will perceive that, beginning in the west with the Songpú, (here commonly confounded with the Kapví, a much smaller tribe,) I have, in my course round the valley, reached the parallel of latitude from which I first set out, having described rather more than a semicircle. This is, however, but the inner of the two circles I propose completing, and until I have made some progress in my way round the outer one, I feel that I shall not be able to furnish satisfactory replies to the queries respecting particular tribes.

"In several directions, but more especially in the north-east, I am given to understand the languages are so very numerous, that scarcely two villages are to be found in which they are perfectly similar. This, I apprehend, arises from the propensity to change inherent in all languages, and which, when left to operate unrestrained by the check which letters impose, soon creates gradually increasing differences of dialect amongst a people originally speaking the same language, but who have become disunited, and between whom little intercourse has afterwards subsisted. the same cause is, I believe, attributed the great diversity of languages and dialects spoken by the aborigines of America, particularly in Brazil, where communities composed each of a small number of families are said to speak languages unintelligible to every tribe around them. Aware of this circumstance as respects a country more favorable to intercourse than the mountainous territory surrounding Manipur, I was not much surprised at finding instances of the same kind in this vicinity. The language spoken in Champhung is only understood by the thirty or forty families its inhabitants. The majority can speak more or less of Manipuri, or the languages of their more immediate neighbours; but I am told that there

are individuals who require an interpreter in conversing with persons not of their own very limited community. Dialects so nearly similar as are those of the Northern and Central Tángkhuls, are generally intelligible to the adult male population on both sides. But the women (the two tribes in question seldom intermarry) and children, who rarely leave their homes. find much difficulty in making themselves understood. Neither of the tribes just named understand the language spoken by the Southern Tangkhuls, and that again differs as widely from the languages of the Khoibús and Marings. The southern Tángkhuls tell me that their language is spoken by the inhabitants of a large village named Kambi-maring, situated somewhere to the westward of the northern extremity of the Kabó valley. I mention this to show why I as yet do not feel myself competent to give satisfactory replies to the queries concerning particular tribes. I however think I can discover a connection (I do not include the Tai) between all of the languages in this quarter that I have vet examined, sufficient. ly intimate to warrant me in assigning a common origin to the tribes by whom they are spoken. From these tribes, which I imagine to be the aborigines of the country, extending east and south-east from the Brahmaputra to China, I derive both the Barmese and the Manipuris. To the Shyáns, I assign a different origin."

X.—Anamese or Cochin-chinese. The vocabulary of this language has been furnished by Rev. Mr. Gutzlaff, from whose letter are extracted the following additional particulars.

"The Anamese spoken in Cochin-china and Tunkin with very little difference, might be considered as a coarse dialect of the Chinese, if the sounds wherewith the characters are read were also current in the spoken language. But the oral dialect totally differs from that used in perusing the books in the Chinese character, and the construction likewise deviates materially. It is however monosyllabic; has intonations and all the characteristics of the Chinese, though the Anamese have fuller sounds, and use various letters and diphthongs which no Chinaman can pronounce correctly. The learning of the natives is entirely confined to Chinese literature, in the acquiring of which they are by no means celebrated. There exist a number of short-hand Chinese characters, which are used as syllabaries to express sounds without reference to their meaning; but they have not yet been reduced to a system, and are used in various ways. The language itself is spoken with a very shrill voice, and appears to a foreigner very uncouth. It bears only a slight resemblance to the Cambodian, but otherwise with no other dialect of the Eastern Peninsula*."

XI.—Japanese. Mr. Gutzlaff says, "This language is spoken with very little variation, by about 20 millions of people, who inhabit the Japanese islands. It is polysyllabic, and only resembles the Chinese so far as it has adopted some words from that language, which are however

^{*} We shall soon know more of this from the Bishop's dictionary, now nearly through the press.—ED.

changed, according to the organs of the natives, like the Latin and Greek words in our tongue. Having numerous inflections and a regular grammar, in a few points resembling the Mántchú, it is easier to express our ideas in it than in the Indo-Chinese languages. The Chinese character is universally read amongst the natives with a different sound and accent, more full and euphonical. For the common business of life, the Japanese use three different syllabaries, the Katakana, Hirakana, and Imatskana, which consist of certain Chinese contracted characters, and amount to 48. From hence it appears that all the radical syllables of the language are no more than 48, which by various combinations form all the words of one of the most copious languages on earth. Its literature is very rich. The Japanese have copied from and improved upon the Chinese, and have also availed themselves of the superiority of our European literature."

XII.—Corean. In regard to this language, Mr. Gutzlaff makes the following remarks.

"Corea is little known, and the language still less. The collection of words here inserted was copied from Medhurst's Vocabulary. This nation has likewise adopted the Chinese character, and is in the possession of the same literature; but in point of civilization it is below its teachers. The Coreans have a syllabary of their own, far more intricate than the Japanese, and formed upon the principle of composition. It consists of few and simple strokes, and is not derived from the Chinese character. teen consonants and eleven vowels are the elements, which form 168 combined sounds, the sum total of the syllabary. The influence of the Chinese Government in this country has been far greater than in Japan, and hence the language is far more tinged with the language of Han. There are a very great number of composita, of which the first syllable is native and the last the Chinese synonym, pronounced in the Corean manner. We have not been able to discover any declension, but it is not unlikely that it has a few inflections. Many words resemble the Japanese, and the affinity between these two nations is not doubtful. The language being polysyllabic, does not require any intonation, and if such exist, it has entirely escaped our notice."

I now proceed to give specimens of all the languages and dialects of which vocabularies have been received: to which I shall add a table showing the number of words per cent. which in any two languages agree, or are so similar as to warrant the conclusion that they are derived from the same source. It must be noted that the words are spelled according to the Romanized orthography. The vowels are sounded as follows:—

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a as in America, woman.

e ,, men.

i ,, pin.

o ,, nor, not.

u ,, put.

u ,, l'une, (French.)

á as in far, father.

é ,, they.

i ,, police.

ó ,, note.

ú ,, rule.
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The letter h is always used strictly as an aspirate, whether at the beginning of a syllable, or following another consonant. Thus this sounded as

in priesthood, not as in think; shas in mighap, not as in ship: ph as in uphold, not as in philosophy. Th and sh, when used to express their English sounds as in think, ship, are printed in italics. The French nasal n (as in enfant) is expressed by n, with a dash underneath.

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English.	Bangálí.	A'sámes	e. Khamti.	Siamese.
Air	báyu	botáh	lum	lóm
Ant	pipíliká	póru á	mut	mót
Arrow	tír	kánr	lempün	luk son
Bird	pakhyi	sorai	nók	nók
Blood	rakta	tez	leüt	lüat
Boat	nauká	nau	heü	rüa
Bone	asthi	hár	núk	kra dúk
Buffalo	mahish	móh .	khwai	khwái
Cat	birál	mekári	miú	meau
Cow	garu	górú	ngó	ngóa
Crow	kák	kauri	ká	ká
Day	din	din	wan	wan
Dog	kukkur	kúkúr	má	má
Ear	karna	káu	hú	hú
Earth	máți	máti	lang nin	dín
Egg	anda	kóni	khai	khai
Elephant	hasti	hátí	tsáng	chháng
Eye	chhakhyuh	sókű	tá	tá
Father	pitá	bupai	po	po
Fire	agni	júi	fai	fai
Fish	matsya	más	pá	plá
Flower	pushpa	phúl	mok	dok mai
Foot	pád, charan	bhóri	tin	tín
Goat	chhágal	shágóli	pe	pe
Hair	kesh, chul	súli	phum	phóm
Hand	hát	hát	mü	mü
Head	mastak	múr	hó	hua
Hog	shúkar	gáhóri	mú	mú
Horn	shringa	hing	khau	khau má
Horse	ghórá	ghórá	má	
House	ghar	ghor	heün lék	rüan lek
Iron	lauha	lu	maü	bai
Leaf	pátá	pat pohor	leng	seng
Light	dípti	mánúh	kun	khôn
Man	manushya	bándor	ling	ling
Monkey	bánar chandra	jun	leün	düan
Moon Mother	jananí	ai	me	me
Mountain	parbat	porbot	noi	phu khau
Mouth	mukh	múkh	pák	pák
Musquito	mashá	moh	yúng	yung
Name	nám	nám	tsü	chhü
Night	rátri	ráti	khün	khün
Oil	tail	tel	nam man	nam man
Plantain	kalá	kolá	kué	klui
River	nadí	nói	me nam	me nam
Road	rástá, bát	bát	táng	táng
Salt	laban	lun	kü	klüa
Skin	charma, chhál	shál	nang	nang
Sky	ákásh	ákáh	fá	fá
Snake	shánp	þ á p	ngú	ngú
Star	tárá	torá	náu	dáu
Stone	prastar	hil	hin	hín
Sun	súrjya	belí	wan	tawan
Tiger	bágh	bágh	seü	süa
Tooth	danta	dánt	khiú	fan
Tree	gáchh	gosh	tun	tón mai
Village	grám	gaun	mán	bán
Water	jal, pání	pání	nam	nam
Yam	álu	álú	hó man	hóa man

English.	· A'ká.	A'bor.	Mishimí.	Barmese.	Karen.
Air	dorí	ásár	árengá	lé	kalí
Ant	tárak	táruk	árüang	payuetseik	tahrisa.
Arrow	apak	epúgh	mpü	myá	
Bird	putáh	pettáng	tsá	nghet	thó
Blood	oyi	Í	harrí	thwé	
Boat	hulung	etkú	rruá	lhé	khlí
Bone	sala	álong	rúbóh	ayó	
Buffalo	mendák	menzek	májí	kyue	páná.
Cat	ásá	kedári	nádzári	kyaung	saminyo
Cow	shye	sóu	mátsokrú	nuá	klo
Crow	pák	pivág	tsáklá	kyí	-6
Day	húmpáh	longe	kihingge	né	ní
Dog	ekí	ekkí	nekó nakrá	khwé	tui
Ear Earth	nyárung	norung		ná.	naku
	pápúk	ámóng rokpi	tarí mti úmai e	myé	khí
Egg Elephant	háti	svíte	dátón	u shen	kátsho
Eve	nvek	ámig	malam		mekhlí
Father	ábba	bábu	nábá	myetsi	pa
Fire	ummah	eme	náming	aphé mí	mé
Fish	ngay		tá	ngá	nyá
Flower	pung	engo ápun	ápü	pánbwen	пуа
Foot	lágá	ale	mgroh	khvé	khodu
Goat	shabam	soben	mádze	sheik	metele
Hair	demuk	dúmid	thüng	shaben	khósú
Hand	lák	elág	átuá	let	tsu
Head	dumpa	dumpóng	mkúrá	ghaung	khó
Hog	kukpa	éek	bálí	wet	thó
Horn	kung	áreng	rriá	khvo	
Horse	ghurá	buré	garre	myen	kásé
House	Ú	ekum	hón	eing	hí
Iron	kakdhar	vogid	sí	thán	tá
Leaf	pabar	ánne	náh	yuet	
Light	hang tepá	púánge	tsonáwo	len	
Man	bangne	ámi	name	lá	pré
Monkey	lebe	sibie	tamrm	myauk	
Moon	pala	polo	haluá	la	la
Mother	ane	náne	náma	amé	mo
Mountain	nodí	adí	thaiyá	taung	kátsá
Mouth	gám	nepáng	takü	nhók, pazát	thákhó
Musquito	tárang	sunggu	tádze	khyen	pátso —
Name		ámin	amüng	náme	ámi
Night	ia	kámo	iá	nyin, nya	
Oil	tel	tuláng	suá	shí	só
Plantain	kepák	kopág	phájí	nghetpyo	sákwí
River	subang	botte	tsaló	myit	thimopralo
Road	lamtau	lámbe	ailam	lán	kle
Salt	álla	álo	pláh	shá	ísá
Skin	sapen	ásig	kuá	thayé	(11)
Sky	á úpá,	taling	brrá	mó	múkhó
Snake	tabuk	tábí	tábú	myué	ḥru
Star	takar	tekár	kádang	kye	sá
Stone	elung	eling	mplá	kyaukkhe	le
Sun	dahani	árung	wanyi	né Irué	mu
Tiger	samnya	simioh	támyah	kyá	bosá
Tooth	phí	ipáng	llá	thwa	áthú
Tree	sangná	sine	masang	thitpen	wé
Villags	nampum	dólung	máting	yuá	we thi
Water	issí	ásí	máchí	yé	CITY
Yam		engin	gí	myaukkhaung	nue

English.	Singpho.	Jilí.	Gáro.	Manipuri.	Songpú.
Air	mbóng	mbóng	bárówá	nungsít	mpoan
Ant	kagin	tsanglang	shámalchak	kakcheng	nteang
Arrow	palá	malá	brá	tel	lú
Bird	wú	machik	dábring	úchek	nroi
Blood	sai	tashai	kanchai	í	zyai
Boat	lí	talí	ring	hí	hlí
Bone	nráng	khamráng	gring	sarú	karau
Buffalo	ngá	ngálui	mátmá	iroi	woirhoi
Cat	ngyau	tengyau	menggó	haudong	myauná
Cow	kansú	tangá	machú	samuk	woitom
Crow	kokhá	takhá	doká	kwák	aghak
Day	siní	taná	sáló	nungthil	kalhán
Dog	kwi	takwi	áchak	hwi	shí
Ear	ná	kaná	náchil	ná	anhúkon
Earth	nggá	taká	hár	laipák	kandí
Egg	wúdí	matí	dúchi	yerum	nroidui
Elephant	magwi	tsáng	mongmá	sámú	woipong
Eye	mi	njú	mokron	mit	mhik
Father	wá	va	áfá	ipá	apú
Fire	wan	tavan	wol	mai	mái
Fish	ngá	tangá	nátok	ngá	khá
Flower	sabanpú	saban	bíbál	lai	mhun
Foot	lagóng	takkhyai	jáchok	khong	phai
Goat	painam	takhyen	dóbak	hameng	zyú
Hair	kará	kará	kiní	sam	sam
Hand	letá	taphán	jak	khut	bán
Head	bóng	nggum	<i>sh</i> ikam	kok	pí
Hog	wá	tawak	wok	ok	ghák
Horn	rung	salung	grong	machí	kachai
Horse	kamrang	khamráng	/1	sagol	takoan
House	ntá	kim	nók	yim, sang	kái
Iron	mpri	taphí	shel	yot	ntan
Leaf	lap	lap	bolbijak	lá, maná	nhui
Light	thói	thwé	shing&	ngálba	ghán
Man	simpho	nsang	mande	mí	mai
Monkey	wé	tawé	hármak	yong	akoi
Moon	satá nú	satá nú	jájong amá	thá imá	bú
Mother Mountain	bóm	satóng	áchúrá	ching	apui
Mouth	nggóp	nóng	kósak	chil	cheing mhoang
Musquito	sigrong	pakyók	ganggiá	kang	chakháng
Name	ming	taming	bimong	ming	kazyan
Night	saná	sanap	wáló	ahing	vimmhang
Oil	namman	namman	tochai	tháu	tháu
Plantain	langó	khungó	tarik	laphoi	háu
River	khá	talau	chimá	túrel	duidái
Road	lam	tanglong	rámá	lampí	cháng
Salt	tsúm	chúm	kárasam	thúm	ntai
Skin	phí	maphik	bigil	mawul	kagí
Sky	mó	mamó	srigí	nongthaurai-	
Snake	lapú	tapú	chapí	líl [pak	
Star	sagan	sakan	ásáke	thawálbichak	
Stone	nlóng	talóng	rangta	nung	ntáu [na
Sun	tsan	katsán	sálgrá	númit	naimhik
Tiger	saróng	kasá	machá	kai	kamhang
Tooth	wá	kóng	wágam	yá	hú, nai
Tree	phún	phún	bolbiphang	úpál	thingbang
Village	mareng	mbat	song	khúl	nham
Water	ntsin	mchin	chí	ising	dui
Yam	nai	nai	tájong	há	rhu
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English.	Kapwi.	Koreng.	Marám.	Champhung.	Luhuppa.
Air	thiráng	tinghun	nhlut	phanrá	masí
Ant	tangin	mateangpwi	nteng	chingkhá	chaling
Arrow	than	takyen	nlá	malú	malá
Bird	masá	nthikna	aroi	ngúthe	vá.
Blood	thí	tazyai	azyí	azí	ashí
Boat	lí	malí	nlí	marikho	marikhong
Bone	marú	pará	mahti	sorü	arü
Buffalo	saloi	alui	aghoi	ngalüi	siloi
Cat	topis á	myaun á	tokpá	hángaubí	lámí
Cow	tom	matom	atom	shemuk	simuk
Crow	maá	nget	chaghak	khalá	hangkh á
Day	tamlái	nin	lánlá	ngasinlung	ngasun
Dog	wí	tasí	athí	aval	<i>th</i> ü
Ear	kan á	kon	inkon	khun ú	khaná.
Earth	talai	kadí	nthá	ngalai	ngalai
Egg	makatui	pabum	aroighum	ngori	harü
Elephant	tapong	chapong	mpong	plobí	mavü
Eye	mik	mik	mik	amak	mik
Father	ap á	apú	apá	íbo	avá
Fire	mai	chamí	mai	amai	mai
Fish	ngá	chakhá	khái	akhai	khái
Flower	rai	charápen	pán	abun	won
Foot	kí	chapí	phai	aphai	phai
Goat	ken	kamí	khamí	amü	me
Hair	sam	tatham	thám.	sam	sam
Hand	kut	chaben	ván	apán	páng
Head	lú	chapí	apí	kau	kui
Hog	bok	kabak	wok	avak	hok
Horn	takí	pake	tí	ratsü	ngachí
Horse	takoan	chakon	chakon	sagol	sikwí
House	in	chakí	kai	arú	shim
Iron	thin	chaghí	kaphá	aruk	tin
Leaf	ná	panú	alui	singnú	ná.
Light	bán	ben	ghen	war	hor
Man	mí	chamai	mí	samü	mí
Monkey	kazyong	tazyong	kazyong	khayo	nayong
Moon	thá	charhú	lhá	asúbí	kachang
Mother	anú	apwi	apwi	ipe	avü
Mountain	ching	malong	kalong	kaphung	kaphung
Mouth	mamun	chamun	mathú	khamar	khamor
Musquito	káng	tingkheng	tangkháng	hachang	hacháng
Name	ming	pazyan	azyan	amang	ming
Night	zyingphá	nchun	múlá	ngayúlá	ngaya
Oil	tháu	tháu	tháo	3621	tháurü
Plantain	ngachang	ngoshi	mphoithai	lípü	náná
River	tuikoak	shinggú	arunkai	úrai	kong
Road	lampwi	mpwi	lampi	lampí	songvü
Salt	machí	matai	nchí	kasam	machí
Skin	mun tangbán	paghí	taghí	ahul	ahui
Sky	C.)	tinggem	tinggam	tangaram	kazing
Snake	marun	kanu	sanná	rinam houthi	pharü
Star	insí	chagan	chaghanthai	harthí	sirvá
Stone	lung	talo	ntau	ngalung	ngalung
Sun	rímik tokhá	tingnaimik	tamik khúbui	tamak akhubí	tsingmik
Tiger	takhú	chakwí			sangkhú há
Tooth	ngá	ahú	aghá.	avá	há
Tree	thingkung	singbang	akoi	asing	thingrong
Village	nam	nam	inam	rám, khul	ramkhü
Water	tui bánrá ==	tadui charú	a <i>th</i> ui charáthai	thari	tarü
Yam	OSULS *	enaru	charachai	páthai	lásukpái

English. N. Tángkhul. C. Tángkhul. S. Tángkhul. Air mashia Ant lángzá chamchá malá Arrow malá Bird atá otá Blood asii unsí Boat. malhii malhí Bone ariikáu urá Buffalo shi shi Cat láme tumí Cow samuk samuk khungkhá Crow hongkhá Day masütum masung Dog phü wí Ear akhaná okhaná Earth malái ngalái háchü Egg atii maphü sakatai Elephant amíchá omít Eye Father apá opá Fire mái mái Fish khí sangá Flower pie pie akho okho Foot Goat mí mikre Hair kosen kosen Hand akhüi khut akáo Head okáo hok hok Hog Horn akatsü mchí Horse sakoi sakoi House shin shin Iron marü marí Leaf thiná thiná Light she shea Man mü mí Monkey nayong navong Moon kacheang kacheang Mother aphü onú Mountain kaphung kaphung Mouth ania onia hacheáng haicheang Musquito omin Name amí Night mavá rosá Oil tháu tháu motthái Plantain motthai kong tüthán River somphü Road sombüi Salt machí ntsü Skin ahii ohoi Sky kazíráng kachíráng Snake phrü phrüi Star sapáchenglá sapáchenglá Stone lunggau lung Sun ohimit yimit Tiger sakhwü sakwi Tooth ahá ohá Tree thingbáng thingbáng raháng Village ram, khui Water aichü tündü Yam berhá berhá

khíráng akhau the mate hí athí rakong arú selüi akhan samuk awák asün ü wí nákor alü artü sái amít mit pá рá mui ngá pár ramen ake makre sam knit alú lú ok arkí sapuk vin thiar thingná ná wár wár pásá yong akhá noá ramthing mur sangsan armin ayan tháu müt tü lampü machí arhiin un arwállong marí arshî lung aní hampü alárrá há thing ram tü

wírá

Khoibú. nonglit miling malá wátsá malí thurá raloi tongkan namuk hatharák nongyáng khaná thalai wávui kasái mai thangá wang hingngau sam khut hok atsí shapuk tsim sakwá thamí havong tanglá núbi ramthing mur thangtan ming rasá sherek mothai kongpwi lampwí miti thangwán phurun tikron thullung nongmit hompwí hingtong yon yui rá

Maring. marthi phayáng Îá wáchá hí lí khrú luí tung muk ák nungháng wí nhámil klai wáyui sái mit pápa mai hngá pár ĥο klang sam hut ló wok chí puk chim thir ná wár hmí yung tánglá tádá khlung mur thangkran ming meá thrik muthai tulil lam Ťí wun nungthau phrul sorwá khlung nungmit humwí há hingbál yul yui bál

English.	Anamese.
Air	
	hoi
Ant	kien
Arrow	ten
Bird	shim
Blood	mau
Boat	ding
Bone	shüng
Buffalo	klongnük
Cat	meyü
Cow	süngkrau
Crow	konkwa
Day	ngai
\mathbf{D} og	sho
Ear	tái
Earth	det
Egg	krüng
Elephant	wói
Eye	mat
Father	shá
Fire	lüa
Fish	kha
Flower	hoa rü
Foot	kangshün
Goat	ré
Hair	long
Hand	tai
Head	dú
Hog	héu
Horn	süng
Horse	ngüa
House	va
Iron	sat
Leaf	la
Light	raangsang
Man	ngoe
Monkey	wün
Moon	
Mother	klang
Mountain	me
Mouth	yam
Musquito	meng
Name	bang
	ten
Night	dem
Oil	yau
Plantain	kongtin
River	som
Road	dang
Salt	moe man
Skin	ya
Sky	tüngtien
Snake	ran
Star	tingto
Stone	da
Sun	witaiyüng
Tiger	ongkop
Tooth	nanrang
Tree	kai
Village	lang
Water	nük

Yam

kwei

Japanese. djiyu ari ya tori tsü tenmá hone suigiu neko ushi karasze hi inu nimi tsi tamango dso me tsitsi hi sakana hana asi hitszeji kaminoke te atama inoshishi tsno ma uchi tets namari hikari stonin saru ski haha yama kuchi ka na yoru abura obako kawa mitchi shiwo kawa sora kuchinawa hoshi ishi nitchirin tora ha ki mura midzu skunemo

Corean. siyo kayami sar sai phi syosyon spyo mursyo koi syo kamakoi narir kai kúi tati ar khokhiri nún api púr koki kot par yang thorok son mari santsey spúr mar tsipka tsurir nip piyot saram tsainnapi tarwor omi moismuni ipku mokúi irhom pamya kirúm phatshyo ĥasyu kin sokom katsok hanar paiyam pyor torsyok nar pom ni namo suikor mursyu ma

RESULTS OF COMPARISON.

Shewing the proportion of words in 100, which, in any two of the languages mentioned below, are found to be the same, or so nearly alike as to authorize the conclusion that they are derived from a common source.

Bangsil, Asámese, Khami, Sianese, Aká, Abor, Mishimi, Barnese, Karen, Singpho, Jili, Gáro, Manipuri, Songpú, Kapwi, Koreng, Marám, Champhung, Luhuppa, Luhuppa, Luhuppa, Luhuppa, Tangkhull S. Tángkhull S. Tángkhull S. Tángkhull Khoibú, Maring Anamese, Japanese, Japanese,	
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	Singpho,
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	Gáro,
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<u> </u>	Songpú,
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	Koreng,
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	Anamese,
	Japanese,
<u> </u>	Corean,
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Request for specimens of other Languages.

The foregoing table is to be regarded only as the commencement of a series of comparisons, which it is desirable to extend to as many languages as practicable. We would therefore request persons residing in various parts of India, or in other countries, to furnish specimens of such dialects as are spoken in their respective neighbourhoods, including all the words given in the table, by which means a general comparison may be readily made. In addition to the list of words, it is desirable to obtain information on the following points:

- 1. Within what geographical limits the language described is spoken.
- 2. The estimated number of people who speak it.
- 3. The account they give of their own origin, and any circumstances

which, in the opinion of the writer, tend to elucidate their origin, and to establish an ancient connection between them and other races.

- 4. Whether the language is originally monosyllabic or polysyllabic. If the former, have any polysyllabic words crept in, and from what source?
- 5. Does the language possess a variety of tones? How many and what are they?
- 6. Is the pronunciation of the language uniform throughout the district in which it is spoken? Are the sounds of particular letters varied, in certain positions, for the sake of euphony?
- 7. Is it a written language? If so, whence does it derive its alphabet? Is its alphabet well adapted to express the sounds of the language, or otherwise?
 - 8. How many vowel sounds does it contain? How many consonants?
- 9. What languages does it resemble in grammatical construction? Do the nouns undergo any change of form on account of case, gender, or number? If not, how are these accidents expressed?
- 10. Are the verbs inflected to express the various moods and tenses? Or are these determined by the use of prepositive or postpositive particles?
- 11. Are adjectives varied to agree with their nouns? Have they any degrees of comparison? What is the method of forming the numerals above ten? Are there any generic particles affixed to the numerals?
 - 12. Has the language an article?
- 13. Are there different forms for the personal pronouns, designating the superiority or inferiority of the speaker or hearer?
- 14. In what order are the different parts of speech arranged in a sentence? Does the possessive case precede or follow the word by which it is governed? Is the objective governed by prepositions, or postpositions? Does the verb precede or follow the objective which it governs? Do adverbs, conjunctions, auxiliaries, and other particles precede or follow the verbs which they modify?

IV.—Specimens of Buddhist Inscriptions, with symbols, from the west of India. By Colonel W. H. Sykes, Hon. Mem., As. Soc. &c.

The admirable and efficient use you have made in your able journal of the ancient inscriptions and ancient coins found in various parts of India, induced me to apply to withdraw all my copies of inscriptions met with in Western India from the hands of the Royal Asiatic Society with a view to offer them to you to make such use of as you might think proper. My application to the Royal Asiatic Society was met with an assurance that the inscriptions, which had been transmitted to the literary society of *Bombay* very many years ago, and which were subsequently sent by this society to the R. A. S., were to be published immediately; this assurance precluded further interference on my